

38. The method of Claim 37, wherein the fire retardant gasket is adhered to the faceplate prior to covering the electrical box with the faceplate.
39. The method of Claim 37, wherein the fire retardant gasket is an intumescent gasket.
40. The method of Claim 37, wherein the fire retardant gasket is introduced to the electrical box without removing the electrical box from the fire resistant barrier.
41. The method of Claim 37, wherein the fire retardant gasket is a fire resistant insulative material.
42. The method of Claim 41, wherein the fire resistant insulative material is mineral wool, ceramic fiber or intumescent graphite.--

REMARKS

Claims in the Application. Claims 37-42 have been added to this application. Accordingly, Claims 23-42 are active in this application.

Examiner's Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). The Examiner has rejected Claims 23-28 and 30-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,252,167 ("Rose"). Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner argues that the "assembly of the device of Rose" (paragraph 1 on page 2 of Office Action) meets the claimed limitations. However, the claims of Applicants are *not* directed to a method of assembling a device. Applicants' claims are directed to a method of assisting